

CAILLAUX TRIAL PRESENTS THE BATTLE OF TWO WOMEN

Paris, July 23.—A silent battle between two women—one fighting with the last ounce of her strength against conviction on a charge of murder, the other charged with being indirectly responsible for disclosures which led to the killing—was presented today during the trial of Mme. Caillaux.

Swinging far from the actual charge that Mme. Caillaux murdered Gaston Calmette, editor of *Le Figaro*, the trial today developed into a series of tests of the veracity of the statements of Mme. Gueydan, divorced wife of Caillaux, that she had nothing to do with the famous "Ton Jo" letter printed by the editor. Mme. Gueydan was called to the stand and the battle between the president and former wife of the ex-premier was on.

Between exchanges of angry flashes between the two women they played for the sympathy of the crowded courtroom, the judges and the jury.

Mme. Gueydan told of her marriage to Caillaux and their divorce, looking significantly at Mme. Caillaux sitting in the prisoner's box as she mentioned the latter.

Of his present wife the former prime minister has said:

"We lived on terms of utmost intimacy both of heart and mind. We were completely happy. My wife was the most tender, the most thoughtful, the most attractive companion possible, being at the same time a perfect associate, wide-awake and well-informed."

Of his marriage with Mme. Gueydan he has merely said it "was never a happy one."

Mme. Gueydan declared that she married Caillaux in 1906. She was formerly the wife of M. Dupre, tax collector in Paris, but upon her divorce from him resumed her maiden name of Gueydan. It was in 1909 that a crisis was reached in their married life. They were then at Mamers, from which district Caillaux was returned to the chamber of deputies.

MAN ADMITS HE COMMITTED PERJURY IN MURDER CASE

Following the investigation by Attorney Charles Erbstein on behalf of his client, Charles Simmons of 3506 W. 12th st., Benjamin Levy of 1142 S. Mozart st., who was the state's principal witness in the murder case against Simmons, admitted that he had committed perjury.

Erbstein brought Levy into the court of Judge Kersten, where he forced him to admit that testimony given in the trial, which resulted in Simmons being convicted of murder two months ago, was false. Levy was an eye-witness to the shooting of Heine Jacobs of 3508 W. 12th st.

At the murder trial he testified that Simmons shot down Jacobs without provocation, while he now says that he fired in self-defense after warning Jacobs to let him alone.

The investigation will be continued today when Mrs. Levy will take the stand.

HOYNE THREATENS CRIMINAL PROSECUTION ON McCORMICK

State's Att'y Maclay Hoyne threatens criminal prosecution of President Alexander A. McCormick of the county board for obstructing the state's attorney's office by vetoing bills from there. Hoyne declares that it is holding up the investigation of the defunct LaSalle Street Bank and blames McCormick for the collapse of his assistant, Charles C. Case, who had charge of the bank mixup.

"He is just as responsible for Mr. Case's condition as thought he brought it about with that end in view," said Mr. Hoyne. "Because bills were held up by McCormick, Mr. Case was forced to work on the books of the bank, doing the work of a bookkeeper and expert accountant. He worked until he collapsed."

County Comptroller Ryan and five county commissioners were haled before the special grand jury yesterday to testify as to the county board deadlock.